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PROGRAM MEMO (PM)

TO: Selected Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) Directors, PSA 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25	NO.: PM 03-22
SUBJECT:	DATE ISSUED: December 2, 2003
Disaster Assistance	
REVISED	EXPIRES: Until Superseded
REFERENCES:	SUPERSEDES: N/A
PROGRAMS AFFECTED:	
[X] All []Title III-B [] Title III-C1/C2 [] CBSP [] MSSP [] Title VII	[] Title III-D
REASON FOR PROGRAM MEMO:	
[] Change in Law or Regulation [] Response	e to Inquiry [X] Other Specify: Disaster Relief Assistance
INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: Robert Ramsey-Lewis, Policy Manager, at (916) 324-2277, or Sharron B. Watts, Aging Programs Specialist, at (916) 327-0575.	

Because of the recent events, this Program Memo (PM) issues instructions and forms for use in obtaining disaster relief assistance funds from the Administration on Aging (AoA).

AoA indicates (November 7, 2003) that AAAs in disaster declared counties may be reimbursed for expenditures incurred that are specifically related to a declared disaster (See Section 310 of the Older Americans Act for authority). The California Department of Aging (CDA) is uncertain at this time as to the dollar amount of AoA's disaster relief funds or when they will become available.

CDA will immediately contact affected AAAs once information is received regarding funding availability. In the meantime, AAAs are directed to work with FEMA and other appropriate local agencies to obtain reimbursement for disaster related expenses.

In order to determine the need for this additional relief assistance, the attached questions must be answered and all requested information must be provided. Each AAA designated as being in a disaster area, must respond to this questionnaire whether or not funding is being requested. Please return this form to Robert Ramsey-Lewis by fax at (916) 327-2081, or by e-mail at rramsey@aging.ca.gov no later than **December 5, 2003**.

Original Signed by Lora Connolly for

Lynda Terry Director

Attachments - PSAs 18,19,20,21,23 and 25.

